Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

l.	Bill Number: HB1858					
	House of Origin	Introduced	Substitute	Engrossed		
	Second House	In Committee	Substitute	Enrolled		
2.	2. Patron: McQui	Patron: McQuinn				
3. Committee: Appropriations						
1.	4. Title: Virgini	Title: Virginia Grocery Investment Program and Fund; created, report.				
5.	Summary: This bill creates the Virginia Grocery Investment Program and Fund to provide funding for the construction, rehabilitation, equipment upgrades, or expansion of grocery stores, small food retailers, and innovative food retail projects, defined in the bill, in underserved communities.					

- **6. Budget Amendment Necessary**: Yes, to capitalize the Fund. Item 106 of HB1700.
- 7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.
- **8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill establishes the Virginia Grocery Investment Program and Fund to address the lack of grocery stores and food retailers in underserved communities. The program and Fund shall be administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). The department shall develop guidelines to carry out the program. The bill specifies that up to 10 percent of the moneys in the Fund may be designated for administrative expenses incurred by the partnering community development financial institution (CDFI). The bill also includes an annual report to be prepared by DHCD.

A budget amendment is required to capitalize the Fund under Item 106 of HB1700. No source of funding is identified in the bill. It is anticipated that DHCD will incur costs to administer the program; however, the impact is indeterminate at this time as the scope of the program is unknown.

- **9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Housing and Community Development.
- 10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.
- **11. Other Comments:** SB999 is the companion to this bill. SB1189 also creates a grocery investment program.